

# STEP 1: Meet the King of Pop.

## 1. ANTICIPATION: What do you know about the King of Pop?

## 2. READ this biography of Michael Jackson and do activities I, II and III.

I. Read the text and write the past of the verbs in parenthesis.

**Michael Jackson** was born on August 29<sup>th</sup>, 1958. He was born in Gary, Indiana, an industrial suburb of Chicago. He \_\_\_\_ (be) and is known as the "King of Pop". He was an American musician. He \_\_\_\_ (start) a solo career in 1971. His 1982 album *Thriller* remains the best-selling album of all times. He \_\_\_\_ (popularize) dance moves, such as the robot and the moonwalk. He \_\_\_\_ (be) very successful in his music career. He \_\_\_\_ (win) 13 Grammy Awards. He \_\_\_\_ (earn) millions of dollars and \_\_\_\_ (donate) them to charities. In the 1980's Michael's skin color started to change because of a disease called vitiligo, and that \_\_\_\_ (be) a shock for everyone. He \_\_\_\_ (get) married twice, first in 1994 with Lisa Marie Presley, Elvis Presley's daughter and again in 1996 with Deborah Jeanne Rowe, a dermatology nurse. Michael \_\_\_\_ (have) three children. He \_\_\_\_ (die) in 2009, it is said that an overdose of the pain killer Demerol \_\_\_\_ (be) the cause of his death but it is not confirmed.



II. Answer the questions based on the text. Use complete answers.

1. Who was Michael Jackson? \_\_\_\_\_
2. When was he born? \_\_\_\_\_
3. When did he start his career? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What sort of career was it? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What was the name of his first album? \_\_\_\_\_
6. What did he popularize? \_\_\_\_\_
7. How many Grammy Awards did he win? \_\_\_\_\_
8. What did he do with the millions of dollars he earned? \_\_\_\_\_
9. When did Michael's skin color started to change? \_\_\_\_\_
10. How many times did he marry? \_\_\_\_\_
11. Who is Lisa Marie Presley? \_\_\_\_\_
12. What does Deborah Jeanne Rowe do? \_\_\_\_\_
13. How many children did he have? \_\_\_\_\_
14. When did he die? \_\_\_\_\_

III. Match the word to its definition.

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| a. Dermatology | ___ A usually residential area or community outlying a city.                    |
| b. Pain killer | ___ A male sovereign.   |
| c. Thriller    | ___ A suspenseful, sensational story or film.                                   |
| d. Suburb      | ___ Provision of help or relief to the poor; something given to help the needy. |
| e. King        | ___ Medical specialty dealing with diseases of the skin.                        |
| f. Charity     | ___ An analgesic, member of the group of drugs used to relieve pain.            |



3. **GRAMMAR:** When writing a biography in English, what tense do we use? Why?